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As part of Applicants' response to the Examiner's CAction mailed January 6, 2003, in the captioned application, attached hereto is a copy of Figure 1 with proposed drawing changes shown in red. These changes have been discussed in the Amendment which is being filed concurrently herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and approve this change and addition.

Respectfully submitted,

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